

# Survey Shows Most Southern Baptist Pastors Attended College

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ATLANTA (BP) — A recent study of the educational attainment of Southern Baptist pastors reveals 69.3 per cent have either attended college or completed college or seminary training and 71.5 per cent of those who attended college went to a Baptist institution.

The study report was released by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's department of survey and special studies on a survey requested by the board's department of rural-urban missions and the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The report is available on request from either Larry Bryson, director of the department of rural-urban missions, or Ben C. Fisher, executive secretary of the Education Commission. The complete report is also printed

in the March-April issue of the Southern Baptist Educator, published by the Education Commission.

The survey was conducted in 1973 through a mail questionnaire to some 750 superintendents of missions serving 1,089 associations of Baptist churches, covering all areas except Alaska, Hawaii and District of Columbia.

Almost half of the associations, a total of 547, responded providing information on 14,728 pastors. New York's six associations all answered the questionnaires. Even the larger

states had response considered heavy for a mail questionnaire. Texas, for example, had a response of almost 56 per cent.

Don Mabry, director of the department of survey and special studies, said the magnitude of the response

was sufficient to make the report reliable in describing the educational attainment for pastors as a group in the entire SBC.

In the survey the superintendents of missions were asked to list the pastors in their associations by name or

number and check off the highest educational attainment of each — grammar school, high school, Bible school, institute or trade school, college, seminary or post college. The questionnaire also asked which type

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## BWA Is Granted "Consultative Status" By United Nations

NEW YORK (BP) — The Baptist World Alliance (BWA) has been accepted for "consultative status" by the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

Under this arrangement, provided for in article 71 of the U.S. charter, the United Nations and various non-governmental organizations may exchange information and views on matters of mutual interest.

The BWA is an international organization, with 95 affiliates (members) in 74 countries and dependencies. Its membership represents approximately 82.6 per cent of the Baptists in the world.

The U. S. admits an organization to consultative status only if it is international in character. Thus, individual Baptist conventions have not been eligible, although the three conventions in the United States have had "observers" accredited to the public relations office of the U.S.

That relationship in no way compares to full-fledged consultative status.

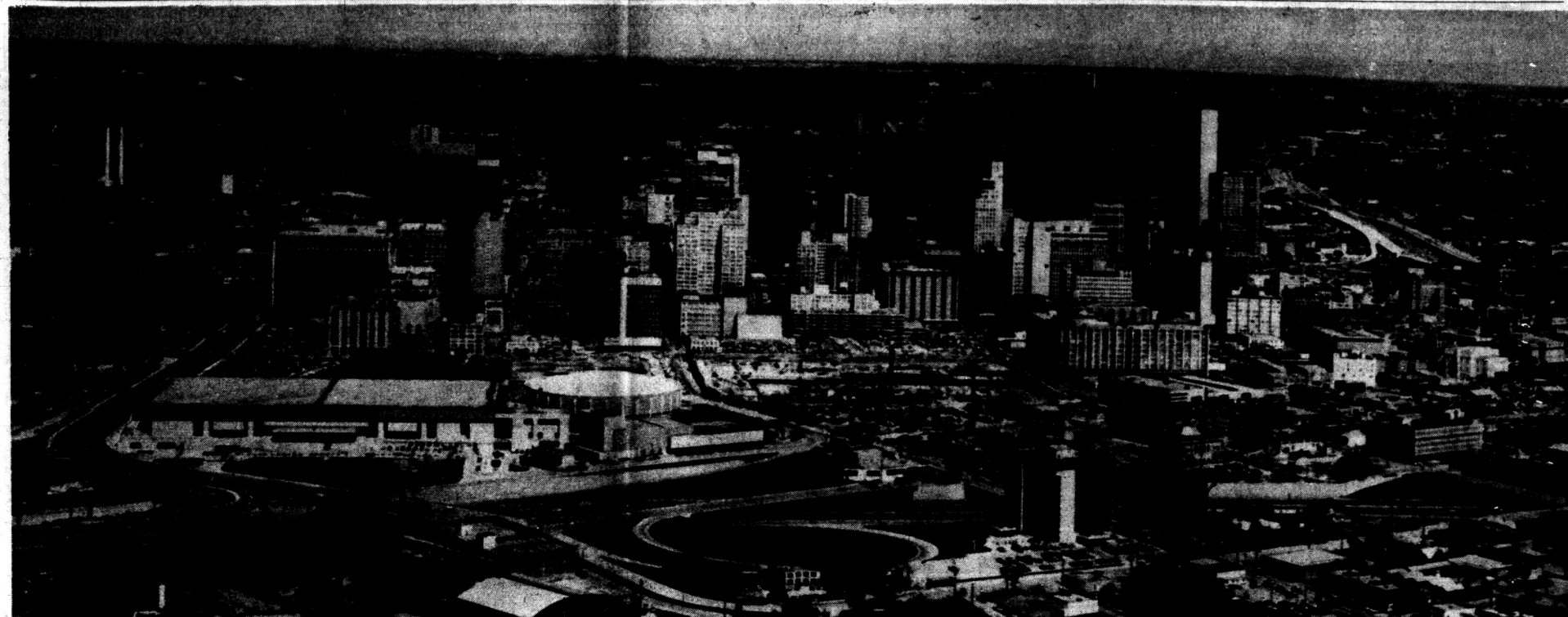
Robert S. Denny, BWA general secretary with headquarters in Washington, said that the alliance does not plan on having a representative resident in the New York or Geneva areas.

"Our regional secretaries — Carl W. Tiller in North America and C. Ronald Gouding in Europe — will be responsible for maintaining contacts, even through their offices are in Washington and London, not New York and Geneva," Denny said.

"On matters of major significance, our president, V. Carney Hargroves of Philadelphia, and I will be available of course to take part in such consultations as may be advisable."

Denny explained that "subjects of mutual concern" may include such things as relief, refugee resettlement,

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DALLAS SKYLINE WITH NEW CONVENTION CENTER IN LEFT FRONT

The Dallas Convention Center in the left foreground will be the site of the Southern Baptist Convention sessions, June 11-13. The convention and the Pastors Conference will meet in the oblong Exhibit Hall and Woman's Missionary Union will meet (June 9-10) in the adjoining circular Arena. (BP Photo by Squire Haskins)

## 'Send Resolutions Now,' SBC President Cooper Urges

YAZOO CITY, Miss. (BP)—Owen Cooper, a layman and president of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), has urged that persons desiring to introduce resolutions at the denomination's annual meeting in Dallas, June 11-13, send an advance copy to the resolutions committee chairman.

Lavonn D. Brown, the pastor of First Baptist Church in Norman, Okla., is chairman of the Committee.

Cooper said the large number of resolutions being introduced annually to the SBC, "requires the reduction of time required for introducing resolutions and their referral to the resolutions committee."

Persons desiring to present resolutions are asked by Cooper and Brown to type the proposed resolutions, double spaced, or present them in longhand, if typing facilities aren't available.

If the resolution includes more than 200 words, a summary, in writing, of not more than 100 words must be submitted along with the resolution; the persons introducing the resolution will be required to state his or her name and read the 100 word summary only.

To prevent log-jamming of resolutions, the SBC three years ago in St. Louis adopted a recommendation from the SBC Executive Committee that added to the bylaws of the convention a request that "copies of proposed resolutions be submitted to the committee

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## SBC Historical Commission Answers Committee Of 15

NASHVILLE (BP)—The Southern Baptist Convention's Historical Commission, in annual session here, drafted and approved a response to concerns expressed about its operation by the Committee of 15.

The Committee of 15, formed by the SBC Executive Committee to study and appraise the SBC and its agencies, submitted its four-year study to the Executive Committee in February. The Executive Committee forwarded the concerns to the Historical Commission without taking any action on them.

The Historical Commission's elected board noted that the Committee of 15 had expressed many of the commission's own concerns, took issue with several of the committee's concerns and noted that meager funds severely hampered its efforts in dealing with certain concerns.

Responding to a Committee of 15 concern that there may be "considerable loss of historical materials" related to convention agencies, leaders, churches and associations, the commission said:

"We heartily agree with the committee's concern. . . The lack of adequate Cooperative Program support, however, has made it impossible for the Historical Commission to do much that needs to be done.

"For example, the commission is engaged in an effort to procure taped oral history interviews with all past presidents of the Southern Baptist Convention. Much of their insight and understanding of Baptist life and work

will be lost to future generations unless recorded while they are still alive and able to share.

"It is imperative that we procure these now. In view of this fact and the lack of adequate funds for this program, even in the face of extreme economy measures, the commission has found it necessary to supplement the Cooperative Program allocation by using \$3,000 from its program reserves two consecutive years to cover daily operating costs."

The commission agreed with the Committee of 15 that the commission needs more visibility to make its services more fully known. The concern regarding "visibility is directly related to our ability to finance our

visibility," the commission noted.

The response indicated that several other concerns were intertwined with financial problems.

The Committee of 15's "areas of concern" on the Historical Commission included two which questioned the use of the commission's Dargan-Carver Library and its relation to libraries in the six SBC seminaries.

"The commission is not duplicating libraries already in existence at the six seminaries," nor are "full copies of everything" being maintained in the libraries of the Historical Commission and the seminaries," the commission declared.

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## Dallas Convention May Hear Proposal For Separate Evangelism Commission

By Toby Druin

ATLANTA (BP) — The Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas in June is expected to be asked to give evangelism more exposure in denomination by creating a new Commission on Evangelism.

But Arthur Rutledge, executive director of the Home Mission Board (HMB), which now directs the convention's program of evangelism development, says a new name for the agency — possibly National Missions and Evangelism Board — would achieve the same purpose.

Frank Minton, pastor of Far Hills Baptist Church in Dayton, Ohio, is expected to offer the motion at the Dallas convention to remove the program of evangelism development

from the HMB and give it separate status as a commission.

Minton says his reason for seeking the new commission is to give evangelism greater exposure and a higher priority in the denomination.

Interviewed for a story in the May issue of Home Missions magazine in early March, Minton reiterated his intention to seek the new commission in late April. He said the recent restructuring of the HMB program implementation section, which includes the division of evangelism, makes it even more imperative.

The HMB directors recently approved a change that gave Fred B. Moseley exclusive duties as associate executive director and made Gerald Palmer director of the program implementation section, which includes

the divisions of evangelism, missions, and church loans. Moseley previously served as both associate executive director and director of the program implementation section.

Minton contends that the addition of a separate program implementation section would get more exposure for the division of evangelism director, C. B. (Bill) Hogue, a step father down in the planning and decision making process.

The name change alone, as it would get more exposure for the division would not gain the result Minton is seeking, he said, in light of the new HMB structure. Minton suggested a separate evangelism section and a new name possibly would meet his demands but said his present plans are still to seek a new commission.

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## Commission Will Bring Resolutions To Dallas

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission will bring a series of recommendations to the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) annual session in June which call for specific actions concerning freedom for women, race relations, integrity in government and economic life.

The recommendations, approved by the commission's board, were released here in Advance of the SBC meeting, June 11-13 in Dallas, "so that messengers can think about the issues, be better informed about them and be prepared to vote responsibly on them on Tuesday night at the convention," said Foy Valentine, commission executive secretary. The proposals will appear in the SBC Book of Reports.

One proposal of a five-part recommendation on women calls for the convention to amend its Bylaw 7 to "move toward more equitable representation" by stipulating that women make up one-fifth of the total elected members of the SBC boards, agencies and committees by no later than 1980.

Included in a four-part recommendation on race relations is a section which "encourages all Southern Baptist agencies to seek within their program assignments and employment practices to communicate the conviction that racism is theologically untenable, politically destructive and a fatally dehumanizing."

It further urges that Baptists "seek the leadership of the Holy Spirit in helping us to resist the temptation to practice racially selective evangelism, missions and ministry and in helping us to accept the obligation to

share Christ's love and Christian fellowship regardless of race."

A section of a four-part recommendation on integrity in government urges Baptists to commit themselves to bring about "further reform of campaign financing to the end that elections may be taken out of the hands of big business, big labor and other special interests and returned to the voting public to whom they rightfully belong."

On economic life, a portion of a four-part recommendation "encourages those national leaders, including the President, who are seeking to develop a family support plan which will abolish many of the evils of the

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## Church Training Emphasis In March Reported Successful

Reports continue to come in reporting successful attendance promotion in Church Training during March, according to Kermit S. King, Director of the Mississippi Church Training Department. Many of these reports meeting high attendance goals on March 31 and

day of February to 220 on the last Sunday of March, topping 500 in Sunday School twice during the month and exceeding their Home Mission Offering goal of \$2,000.

Dale Oden, Minister of Education at Morrison Heights, Clinton, reports a

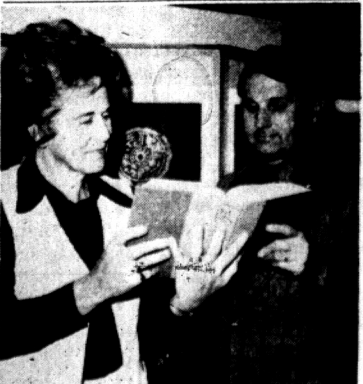
A similar report was received from First, Columbus, where Pastor Joe McKeever reported an attendance of 298 on the 31st. First, Kosciusko, had a high attendance of 189. Jimmy Carl Bryant of Walnut reports an increase of 15% in enrollment and an increase in attendance of 22% over the same

months was the total month for Mississippi's emphasis on CHURCH: THE SUNDAY NIGHT PLACE. Oakhurst, Clarksville, with a goal of 200, went from 99 on the last Sun-

ch of 1973. According to Oden, "the spirit has been excellent and the attendance was astounding. It created a positive attitude among our leadership and people."

writes of the last Sunday of March, "In Training Union the 217 attendance was 42 more than last Sunday. The adults had 13 more than last Sunday

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WMU Special

Day May 6

Miss Marjane Patterson, Executive Secretary of WMU department, and Chaplain Gordon Shambarger of Mississippi Baptist Hospital are seen discussing the Edwin Robinson WMU Special Day offering to be received on May 6. It is from this offering that about seventy-five large print Bibles will be purchased and presented to the hospital for distribution in the patient care areas. The theme for the program is: We Care Enough To Open Doors.

## MC Proposed Law School Receives Community Support

Gov. Bill Waller has signed into law a bill which will allow the City of Clinton to issue revenue bonds, should the need ever occur, to construct and equip a building at Mississippi College for a proposed law school operation. The bill, a Local and Private bill authored by Sen. Sam Wright of Clinton, would enable the college to sue up to \$1 1/2 million in revenue bonds for such construction if the college ever called on them to do so. Construction would take place on property currently owned by the college and the building would be leased

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**Billboards For Graham Crusade Go Up**

PHOENIX—Despite efforts to stop the Billy Graham Crusade from using the Arizona State University stadium at Tempe, billboards advertising the May 5-12 event at the stadium are appearing in the Phoenix area. Martin S. Pratt, who said he is a Phoenix resident but declined to give reporters his address, had petitioned the Arizona Supreme Court to intervene, contending that the use of the state-owned facility would violate the Arizona constitution's provision on church-state separation. The court ruled unanimously, however, that leasing the stadium "for an occasional religious service at a fair rental value" does not violate the constitution and that renting it for the Graham Crusade constituted a "straight commercial transaction," similar to other rentals of the area. (RNS Photo by Henry Unger)

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and six more than in recent years."

The story at Pleasant Hill, Quilman, according to Pastor Ralph Smith, is that they almost reached their enrollment in attendance on the 31st. They did report an average Church Training attendance of 140 in March compared to an average Sunday School attendance of 167.

Phil Myers, new Educational Director of Parkway, Natchez, wrote that the church raised its high attendance goal from 131 to 150 because on the first Sunday of their CHURCH: THE SUNDAY NIGHT PLACE Emphasis they exceeded their goal with 138 present.

Harmony Church, Winston Association, reported setting a goal they thought close to impossible but on the last Sunday of March they went over their goal. The attendance on that

Sunday was 190 according to James D. Gregory, Church Training Director.

Walter Watts of Glendale Church, Hattiesburg, reported that they came within one of the all-time high attendance for the church.

At First, Hattiesburg, Director David Owen and Educational Director Farrell Blankenship conducted an excellent promotional campaign through their weekly bulletin. Their goal was 300 for the fourth Sunday with a Sunday School high attendance day set for the 31st.

Couple reports like these with the fact that during the church year 1972-73 Mississippi reported an increase in Church Training enrollment for the first time in two years and it adds up to a bright prospect for the future. Annual emphases featuring CHURCH: THE SUNDAY NIGHT PLACE will continue through 1976.

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college and seminary or graduate school — Baptist, private or state — the pastors attended.

The survey indicates that 11.9 per cent completed college but had no further educational preparation for the pastorate. Another 10.4 per cent attended college but failed to complete requirements for a degree.

A total of 6,572 of the 14,726 reported on the questionnaire attended seminaries and 5,337 received degrees. Mabry concluded from the questionnaire that most of those who attended seminary were also college graduates.

Some 22 per cent have high school or less in educational attainment — 14.3 per cent completing high school and the remaining 6.7 per cent failing to complete it. Almost four per cent failed to go beyond grade school.

Mabry emphasized, however, that the data only indicate the pastors' formal education and do not indicate the abilities of the men to "function effectively in their pastorates."

The survey revealed that Baptist colleges have been the principle educational institutions attended by the pastors. Almost 9,000 attended some kind of college — 6,412 (or 71.5 per cent) went to Baptist institutions,

1,840 to state schools and 713 to private colleges.

Of the 6,267 who attended a seminary or graduate school, 5,868 — 93.6 per cent — went to a Baptist institution. Only 183 did post-college study at a state school and 218 at a private college or seminary.

Fisher said he felt the study would be of great assistance in that it shows what the Baptist schools are doing to educate ministers and other young people. "It will be a challenge to recruiters to go after ministerial students and other vocational Christian workers," he said.

The Education Commission leader said he was surprised to learn that some 7 out of 10 pastors who had gone to college had gone to a Baptist school and added he thought it was significant that some 22 per cent of the active ministers in the SBC who had gone on to seminary had acquired from one to four years of formal college training in mainly Baptist colleges.

Bryson, who directs the Home Mission Board's in-service guidance program to provide supplementary education for pastors, said he will interpret the survey findings to other SBC agencies so conferences can be planned to assist pastors.

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to the college with the money from such lease being used to retire the bonds and interest.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of Clinton, along with the business and civic leadership in the community, had exhibited a "bold spirit in favor of the legislation. Most of the civic organizations had provided resolutions of endorsement and a number of individuals appeared at committee hearings and other gatherings to lend their support.

"The college has had a big influence on the city of Clinton for almost 100 years," commented Mayor Blass, "and we are pleased with the opportunity of helping the college should they need our help in constructing a building."

Dr. Lewis Nobles, President of Mis-

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said, "have developed libraries which cover the whole curriculum of theology, religious education and church music. In contrast, the Historical Commission library is a specialized library focusing on the history and work of Baptists."

"Since Baptist history is a part of the church library curriculum in the seminaries, their libraries must necessarily maintain basic resources of the history of Baptists, but none of these libraries has a collection of Baptist historical materials comparable to the Baptistiana maintained by the Historical Commission in its research center, Dargan - Carver Library."

"Of necessity," the commission continued, "there is some duplication between these libraries, for all need basic books, periodicals and other resources on the life and work of Southern Baptists for their patrons. Such duplication in libraries located in different geographical areas is essential to accessibility for study and research."

The commission further noted that only it conducts "a systematic, comprehensive program to procure and make readily accessible for research all that has been written by and about Baptists."

In reference to Committee of 15 concerns on long range planning, the commission said, "since its beginning in 1951, the Historical Commission has pursued specific long-range and short-range goals for the procurement

of materials and the utilization of these materials in study and research. "The self-study made by the commission in 1972 resulted in the formation of specific, one, five and ten-year goals. These goals are periodically reviewed by the commission. Continuing effort will be made in this direction in keeping with the suggestion of the Committee of 15."

**Self-Criticism Linked To Baptist Vitality**

NASHVILLE (BP) — Southern Baptists cannot maintain their vitality as a people and denomination without permitting self-criticism, the chairman of the convention's Historical Commission said here.

Robert A. Baker, professor of church history at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, made the comment in reference to a question from the floor, following his presentation of an address on reflections on the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), its history and people. He spoke during the commission's annual meeting.

Baker said Southern Baptists cannot have vitality without criticism. And it is very important to allow "self-criticism and to smile at ourselves."

Six speakers, including Baker, addressed the commission, discussing Baptist and church history from their own perspectives.

Baker, who recently completed a book on The Southern Baptist Convention and Its People, said in his address that Southern Baptists have

displayed a "remarkable vitality in their history." He cited the "amazing geographical expansion during the past three decades." Southern Baptists' creativity in organizational and structural forms and their "remarkable sense of identity."

Any denomination that "majors on less than serious commitment to call people to the ultimate meaning of the will of God in the face of Jesus Christ will not long be effective. Southern Baptists have grown because of this commitment while others declined, he said.

In the question and answer period, Baker declared his firm stance behind the continuing autonomy of the local Southern Baptist church. Ecclesiology among Southern Baptists "is becoming too heavy," he said.

"If we're not going to allow each church to be autonomous, we'd better fold up our tents. If we lose the autonomy of the local church, we've lost the battle," he concluded.

Other speakers referred to Baptists' role, directly or indirectly, in America's history and to the coming (1976) U. S. Bicentennial observance.

Richard A. McLemore, outgoing president of the Southern Baptist Historical Society, said, "The Bicentennial of the American Revolution offers an appropriate time to review the experience and development of Baptists during this critical period of their history."

James E. Wood Jr., executive director for the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington, D. C., said Baptist witness to religious liberty has "long been regarded by many historians and theologians alike as the greatest contribution of Baptists to Christianity and American civilization."

"Unfortunately, many Baptists in the United States today lack any real awareness, knowledge, or understanding of this historic Baptist witness to religious liberty. The principle all too often appears obscure or best taken for granted by many modern-day Baptists."

"Baptist witness to religious liberty needs to be reaffirmed and reexamined by every Baptist generation," Wood said.

Owen Cooper, SBC president and a layman, spoke on Southern Baptist progress at a commission luncheon, becoming the first active convention president to participate in an annual meeting of the agency.

## BWA Is Granted

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economic development program, human rights and the disposition of mandated and trust territories (in many of which there are Baptist churches).

The alliance at its congress in Tokyo, Japan in 1970, adopted resolutions on peace and other world problems which expressed support for the United Nations, but until this time it has had no channel for making views known to those in the U.N. structures.

The BWA staff introduced the idea of seeking consultative status during the organization's executive committee meeting in 1972.

It was agreed to at the body's meeting in 1973, after the adoption of certain safeguards, instructing the officers and staff how to avoid embarrassment to Baptists in the course of the consultations.

progress which has been made" and the "conviction that God is still seeking to lead us into his more excellent way of race relations."

It urges that Baptists "seek to be increasingly open as God speaks to us regarding race relations, recognizing ourselves as standing under God's judgment concerning the sin of racism, whether red or yellow, black or white, or brown."

"That we renew our commitment to the Bible's teaching of justice for all human beings regardless of race, and that we work earnestly for racial justice in public education, employment, health care, housing, consumer concerns and citizen participation in the political process;" and

"That in a society where racial alienation and distrust are painfully evident, we renew our efforts toward cooperation between those who differ racially, ethnically or culturally, that through communication with God and with each other we may be more sensitive, more patient, more open and more humble, that together we may bear witness to Jesus Christ, who has broken down the middle wall of partition between races and who calls us into unity with each other and with them."

The integrity in government recommendation also calls for Baptists to pray for leaders at all levels of government "that we may be delivered from the current malignancy of deceit, distrust and discord;" to commit themselves, as did the biblical prophets, "to the exposure of evil at every level of government;" and call upon public officials "to follow the spirit and letter of the law" and where there is "gross failure" to follow legal procedures to assess guilty and remove from office those judged guilty.

Remaining portions of the recommendation on economic life urge stewardship of resources, full disclosure of facts on the energy crisis, control of excess profits, enforcement of anti-trust laws and removal of unnecessary tax burdens on the "poor and the near-poor."

## May 5 Double Events At Morrison Heights

### Open House For New Sanctuary And Reception On Pastor's 10th Anniversary

Morrison Heights Church, Clinton, will hold open house for their new sanctuary on Sunday afternoon, May 5, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. At the same time a reception will be held in the new Fellowship Hall honoring Rev. and Mrs. Charles Gentry. Next Sunday is the tenth anniversary of Mr. Gentry's pastorate at Morrison Heights. The public is invited to both reception and open house.

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Establishment of a new agency must be approved by majority vote of messengers at two successive conventions. The Home Mission Board's proposed name change could be accomplished by a majority vote at one convention.

Rutledge says the Association of State Executive Secretaries recently asked that the word "home" in the board's title be changed to "national" to reflect that the convention is now a national body. National Missions and Evangelism Board would honor both requests, Rutledge says.

Regardless of whether a new name is chosen or a new commission formed or the emphasis remains as it is now, Rutledge says, evangelism will remain central to Home Mission Board efforts to cross barriers with the gospel.

He notes that the report of the Committee of 15 concluded "the Home Mission Board is basically a board of evangelism."

"When we state our purpose, our planning base," he says, "evangelism saturates it."

Rutledge says he certainly is not opposed to a study of the matter. "I am anxious to see the convention's evangelism program reach its maximum effectiveness," he says.

But he calls attention to the Committee of 15's conclusion that evangelism development can best be implemented in its present setting with the HMB.

"When the pluses and minuses of forming an Evangelism Commission are listed," Rutledge says, "it is not clear that a new commission would strengthen the evangelistic effectiveness of Southern Baptists. It would likely increase the exposure of the program, but it might also reduce the resources and produce a more limited base from which to lead. There is room to hold that such a move

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present welfare system and assist poor people to move toward the achievable goal of being self-supporting and tax-paying citizens."

Other portions of the recommendation dealing with freedom of women urge Baptists to "reaffirm our commitment to the Bible's teaching that every individual has infinite worth and that, in Christ, there is neither male nor female, and that we endeavor to communicate these basic truths through Christian education, by precept and example, in church and at home;

"That we work to develop greater sensitivity to both overt and covert discrimination against women and that we endeavor through religious, political, social, business and educational structures to eliminate such discrimination, and;

"That our churches and our denominational agencies bear witness to the rest of society by rejecting discrimination against women in job placement, by providing equal pay for equal work and by electing women to positions of leadership for which God's gifts and the Holy Spirit's calling equip them."

In a preamble, the commission said that endorsement of "the great concept of human liberation of women in Jesus Christ is not to endorse the ideas or actions of every person who unfurls the women's liberation banner. Irresponsibility is no respecter of sexes and Christians must resist it no matter where it is found."

"Just as it is sinful for men to discriminate against women, so it is sinful for women to refuse to accept the dignity which God has bestowed on them," the preamble said. "Encouraging women to achieve their God-intended potential needs not be detrimental to the stability of the family and the spiritual health of the church. The home and the church have crucial responsibilities for teaching the equal worth as well as the distinctive roles of males and females."

The race relations recommendation notes, "in thanksgiving" the "evident

## Wayne Oates Resigns Southeastern Post

LOUISVILLE (BP) — Wayne E. Oates has reconsidered his earlier acceptance of a professorship at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., although already elected to the school's faculty.

In a letter to Southeastern officials, Oates declined to accept a position as distinguished professor of psychology of religion, which he was scheduled to assume in August.

Oates, professor of psychology of religion at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville since 1948, had been elected to the Southeastern post late last year by the Southeastern trustees' executive committee and was confirmed by the full board March 14 of this year.

The 56-year-old professor, who had resigned from the Southern Seminary faculty, effective July 31, to accept the Southeastern post, said in Louisville he will remain there where he will continue his writing and serve as a theological consultant at Norton Psychiatric Center of the University of Louisville.

## Missionary's Mother Dies

Mrs. F. E. (Myrtis May) Foster, 78, resident of 437 Stillwood Drive, Jackson, died Tuesday, April 23, in Baptist Hospital after a brief illness.

Funeral services were April 25 from Ridgecrest Baptist Church with Dr. Earl Kelly, Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, and Rev. Fred Tarpley officiating.

Survivors include her husband, F. E. Foster, Jackson; two sons, Rev. James Alcorn Foster, Southern Baptist Missionary, Manila, P. I., and Claude William Foster, Aberdeen; and one daughter, Miss Myrtle Virginia Foster, Jackson; five grandchildren; one great grandchild.

Reared in Knoxville, Miss., she was the daughter of the late Farley and Alice Whitehead Butler. A resident of Jackson for over 60 years, she was a member of Ridgecrest Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster would have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on December 24, 1974.

## Joe Jack Hurst Loses Father

Frank Hurst, Sr., 85, of Macon, former Nottoway County educator and for many years a deacon and leader in the First Baptist Church of Macon, died at the Nottoway County General Hospital April 23.

Mr. Hurst was the father of Joe Jack Hurst, of Jackson, active Baptist layman and prominent attorney.

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church, Macon, on April 24.

Other survivors include his wife, Mrs. Gladys McMahan Hurst, Macon; a son, Frank Hurst, Jr., San Rafael, Cal.; two brothers and two sisters, one of whom is Fred Hurst, also of Jackson.

## Douglas Resigns

### Sunday School Post

Rev. Tom Douglas, associate in the Sunday School Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, has resigned, effective April 30, to enter private business.

Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the board, in making the announcement, said that Mr. Douglas began work with the Board in 1959 when he came from the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Pontotoc to join the Sunday School Department.

For several years he has released from his Sunday School duties to serve as manager of Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, and was in charge there when Hurricane Camille practically destroyed it in 1969.

Mr. Douglas is a native of Meridian, and received his formal education at Mississippi College and Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

## Revival Dates

Madison: May 5-10; Dr. H. H. Hobbs, Oklahoma City, evangelist; Regular hours Sunday; weekday, 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; music led by Sigrest team; Billy McKay, pastor.

Faith Church, Rankin: May 8-12; Rev. Leo Humphrey, director of Good News in Action, New Orleans, La., evangelist; Frank Stiedle, singer, services Sunday 11 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; Rev. Claude Townsend, pastor.

Ridgeland Church, Ridgeland: May 5-10; evangelist Bob Barker, Jr. of Mobile, Alabama, preaching; Larry Ford, minister of music at Griffith Memorial Church, Jackson, music evangelist; Kickoff Rally Saturday night, May 4, at 7; services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday; 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Monday-Friday; Rev. W. Everette Martin, pastor; theme, "Days of Decision." (The evangelist, who is also a musician, publishes a newspaper, "Evangelistic Entreaty," and airs a radio program, "Moments with the Master.")



A Salute To Mississippi Evangelists

He...That Ascended...Gave Some...Evangelists...(Ephesians 4:10,11)

Evangelism is the very "heart-beat" of the Christian message in the Bible, and also of Baptist life. In a sense every Christian is an evangelist, since he has been commanded to be a witness for the Lord Jesus Christ. Every pastor should be an evangelist, since part of his ministry is to lead people to Christ. Nevertheless, we find in the Bible that God actually calls some to the work of evangelism. Ephesians 4:11 tells us that one of the ascension gifts of our Lord was "and some, evangelists." They were listed along with apostles, prophets and pastors and teachers, as gifts to the church for its work. The evangelist then is a special calling, and God does place this responsibility upon some of his servants. There are many such workers in the Southern Baptist Convention, and Mississippi has her share of outstanding workers in this field. In this special summary we salute those Mississippians, who give their full time, or a large part of their time to evangelism, because they have felt God's call to that work. We fully recognize that many pastors also have a gift of evangelism, and spend much of their time in the work, but have included in this listing only those who give full time, or most of their time to the field. If any person is omitted, it is simply because we failed to receive material concerning them. An editorial saluting these and all evangelists is found on the editorial page.

Ed Bryon

Ed Bryon is in his ninth year in full-time evangelism. During these years he has conducted revival meetings in at least fourteen states. He spent fifteen years in the pastorate before entering the evangelism field.

Mr. Bryon, his wife, Gene, and younger daughter, Amelia, live at 1013 Arlington St., Clinton 39056 (phone 601-924-8748). The older daughter, Jennifer, is employed with the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville.

An Air Force veteran and commercial pilot, Mr. Bryon is a graduate of Bethel College, McKenzie, Tenn., and New Orleans Seminary. He has also studied at Southern Seminary.

Of his ministry he says that it is "dedicated to helping the pastor, strengthening the church, and winning the lost."

J. B. Betts

J. B. Betts, church music evangelist, has been in full-time evangelism for eight years, averaging 30-35 revivals a year.

He and his wife, Marion, and six children (Melinda, Jerry, Marsha, Mary, Melody, and James) have sung in family concerts throughout Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, and Louisiana.

Since he is staff music evangelist of the Carriage Hills Church, Southaven, he and his family live at 6126 Chesterfield Drive, Southaven, Ms. 38671 (phone 601-393-2545).

Born June 11, 1928, in Lake City, Arkansas (his father was a farmer), Mr. Betts graduated from high school in Indiana. He attended Mississippi Delta Junior College, graduated from Mississippi College, and earned the Master of Church Music degree at New Orleans Seminary. His military service consisted of two years in the army.

For thirteen years Mr. Betts was church music director in Mississippi and Alabama before entering full-time music evangelism. As an evangelist, he has sung in over 300 church revivals, presented over 225 gospel music concerts, and participated in five mission trips, in the U. S. and abroad.

He has produced several long-play solo albums. His most recent album is a family group one, "Happiness Is the Lord."

J. D. Watson, Jr.

James D. Watson, Jr., another of Mississippi's full-time evangelists, was ordained to the ministry in 1953 at Fairview Church, Indianola, the same church where he had been baptized two years previously and in the town where he was born. Today his evangelism headquarters are located in Indianola, and he and his wife, Hazel, live there.

Mr. Watson attended Clarke, William Carey, and Delta State, and graduated from Mississippi College with a major in history and minor in Bible. Some of the churches he served as pastor before going into evangelism were: Daleville; Second, Indianola; Clear Creek, Oxford; and Second Church, Kosciusko.

Mr. Watson may be contacted at Church Evangelism Association, Inc., Indianola (phone 887-2869 or 887-4007).

Tommy And Diane Winders



Tommy Winders Evangelism, Inc. is now set up with offices in Tupelo. Mr. Winders, a native of Tupelo, was former Associate evangelist with Richard Hogue Evangelism of Houston, Texas.

A native of Tupelo, he is a graduate of Delta State College, and received the Master of Theology degree from New Orleans Seminary. While in seminary he worked as associate evangelist with Bob Harrington, "chaplain of Bourbon Street"; served as minister of youth at First Church, Kenner, La.; and was youth director for the Greater New Orleans Baptist Youth Rally.

Mrs. Winders, the former Diane Koonce of Oklahoma City, is a graduate of OBU. While there she was featured as soloist with the famed Bison Glee Club directed by Warren Angell. Mrs. Winders has sung in revivals with Bob Harrington, John Bisagno, and Richard Hogue. She has also sung at Falls Creek Assembly in Oklahoma and during Foreign Mission Week at Ridgecrest. She has recorded one record album, "Reach Out To Jesus."

The Winders have preached and sung in Alabama, California, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and other states. Their first full year in evangelism in 1971 and 1972 saw approximately 1700 decisions for Christ made, with over 650 of those being first time decisions.

Paul Sims in "The Daily Dorinthian" of Corinth, wrote about Tommy Winders: "Those who hear him laugh, even those who are the objects of his message-bearing humor. He uses himself as a target for quips: 'I was born at an early age so my mother screamed. And there hasn't been much improvement since.'"

"When I was 11, I went swimming with the pastor of my church. It wasn't baptism," he chides, "because I hadn't transferred my intellectual knowledge to heart knowledge."

"He was 11 when he was baptized. 'But I was 21 and a senior in college before I was saved.'"

"Someone told me after hearing Diane sing that she was 90 percent of my ministry. That's not right at all. She's 99 44-100 per cent of it."

"Winders says Christians should not be long faced. 'Christ came to bless us, not bug us. Christ came so that we might have life and have it more abundantly.'"

The Winders may be contacted for concerts, rallies, revivals and crusades through Tommy Winders Evangelism, P. O. Box 1711, Tupelo, Ms. 38801 (phone 601-844-4442).

R. J. Wilemon

R. J. Wilemon, 44, has been in full-time evangelism for five years, and before that served as a pastor for ten years.

He and his wife, the former Ruth Cannon, live at 333 Rankin Blvd., Tupelo, MS 38801 (phone 842-5702). Their son, Danny, 24, is married to the former Ann Murrah.

Mr. Wilemon attended Blue Mountain College. His slogan is from Philippians 2:16: "Holding Forth the Word of Life."

R. L. And Beth Sigrest

From their hometown of Yazoo City, evangelists R. L. and Beth Sigrest travel throughout the United States presenting sacred music in concerts and revival services.

Since 1968 they have been engaged in a unique ministry of evangelism through preaching and sacred music. In addition to their concert and revival schedule, they appear on programs such as the Southern Baptist Evangelists' Conference, the Mississippi Baptist Convention, pastors' conferences, and evangelism conferences.

An ordained minister, R. L. Sigrest served as a pastor for eight years before entering fulltime evangelism. He has also served as a minister of music. He began his singing career when he was tenor soloist for the Mississippi College Singers.

Beth Sigrest, a mezzo-soprano and pianist, began music training at the age of five, continuing at Mississippi College. She began playing the piano for revival meetings when she was eleven.

R. L.'s introduction to music training began when he played the saxophone in the school band. He recalls that his saxophone sounded pretty awful in the fourth grade. However, it did improve, and during high school both R. L. and Beth played in a stage band called "Merrymakers." During college she played the piano for his summer revivals.

The Sigrests have an Airstream travel trailer which they carry to their "home away from home" in their travels. Between tours they return to Yazoo City (address: P. O. Box 719, Yazoo City, Ms. 39194; phone 601-746-5988).

Their music programs include selections from oratorios, hymns, gospel music and spirituals. Singing contemporary Christian folk music, they appear before many youth groups in churches and schools.

They sometimes use puppets to relate scripture and Bible teachings to the children.

Three albums of sacred music have been recorded by the Sigrests, the latest entitled "Happiness Is The Lord."

Jerry Mixon

Jerry Mixon, young Southern Baptist evangelist, is a native of Mississippi. The Jerry Mixon Evangelistic Ministry, Inc. receives mail at P. O. Box 191, Petal, Ms. 39465 (phone 601-584-5698).

At 12 Jerry made a private commitment to Christ. At 19 he gave his life to full-time Christian service. Following graduation from Petal High School he earned the BA degree from William Carey College and Master of Theology degree from New Orleans Seminary.

He served as chaplain's assistant for three years in the army. Besides ten years as a pastor, he has had other experience as a teacher, coach, and writer. He has spoken to study groups, rallies, retreats, lay evangelism schools, and high school assemblies.

While he was pastor at Boulevard Church, Pensacola, Fla., the Pensacola Bay Association elected him Church Training director. Also he was often a guest on the pastors' forum on TV in Pensacola.

As a writer he has contributed to Baptist Sunday School Board publications. For several years he wrote the column, "Pew Point," for the weekly newspaper in Magnolia, Ms. His wife is the former Victoria Beech. Their children are Jeffrey and Lanny.

Mr. Mixon has been in full-time evangelism around 1 1/2 years.

James Fancher

James Fancher, who entered full-time evangelism in July, 1971, preaches in about 35 meetings a year now. As church evangelist for Broadmoor Jackson, he helps with visitation evangelism there when he is in Jackson.

His Special Preaching Ministries (P. O. Box 9151, Jackson, Ms. 39206—phone 956-1013) include evangelistic meetings; Christian growth revivals; Bible conferences; family life conferences; and special youth activities. During 23 years in pastoral ministry before entering evangelism he served Edinburg (Leake); Evergreen (Winston); New Hope (Marion); Portola, California; Harperville and Ridge (Scott); Bay Springs (Jasper);

First, Florence; and First, Aberdeen. While he was a pastor he preached in 175 revivals in ten states. Born at Weir, he graduated from Louisville High School and Mississippi College. After he had attended New Orleans Seminary 2 1/2 years he accepted a call to a pioneer mission church in Portola, California, and while there received his B. D. degree from Golden Gate Seminary.

Mr. Fancher has served on the Nominating Committee and Committee on Committees for the Mississippi Baptist Convention. He served six years on the Education Commission of the Miss. Baptist Convention and for six years as a trustee of Clarke College, two as chairman.

In 1957 he took part in a preaching mission to South America, conducting a revival in Argentina. Other travel experiences include a study tour of the Holy Land and attendance at the Baptist World Alliance in Tokyo in 1970.

He and his wife, the former Wilda Trenor, live at 5726 Fernwood Drive in Jackson. Their three sons are Bobby, Frank and James Neil. (Mrs. Fancher writes "Beyond the Ironing Board" for the Baptist Record.)

Joe Royalty has just completed three years as an associate evangelist on the staff of Dr. E. J. Daniels, President of Christ For The World, Inc. with headquarters in Orlando, Florida.

The Royaltys still maintain their home at 106 Clinton Circle, in Jackson, Mississippi, while Mrs. Royalty teaches school in the Council School System.

Even though Mr. Royalty is an associate of Dr. Daniels, he is an evangelist in his own right. He books his own crusades but has access to all of the equipment of Christ For The World, Inc. which includes a fine attractive tent 50 x 120 that seats over a thousand people. This equipment is usually used for associational meetings but oftentimes is used for the purpose of several churches in a given area joining together for a united evangelistic effort.

Mr. Royalty is being used widely in the Southern Baptist Convention. His work carried him into nine states this past year. He has done quite a bit of work in the Northeast section of the U. S. Two crusades held in Pennsylvania resulted in the beginning of a new mission being established in Butler, Pennsylvania, a town of 75,000 population.

Mr. Royalty had served as pastor-evangelist for 27 years before entering the field of full-time evangelism two years ago. He has conducted over 650 revival crusades that have carried him into 39 states and three foreign countries.

Fred Tarpley, superintendent of Hinds-Madison Association, says, "Joe Royalty has held more revival meetings than any man his age in Mississippi."

Evangelist Royalty joined the E. J. Daniels revival team for a trip to India in February of this year. He conducted three city-wide crusades there lasting over three weeks.

For information concerning open dates, all correspondence should be sent to Mrs. J. H. Royalty, 106 Clinton Circle, Jackson, MS 39209 (Telephone 322-1206). Mr. Royalty still has several open dates for the coming year and will conduct either single church revivals or area wide crusades. He also has available a fine crusade team consisting of song leader and organist.

His talent in music enhances his ministry as preacher and soul winner. He plays the trumpet, as well as several other instruments. He has recorded a long-play album by Word, Inc. of "Trumpet Favorites" composed of religious hymns played on the trumpet and other instruments. Also he was featured in 1973 in a long-play album produced by APM Sound Service of Pascagoula. This album of religious numbers appealing to all ages is entitled, "Mighty Clouds of Joy."

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Clint And Jarvis Rose Nichols



Clint and Jarvis Rose Nichols' music ministry has taken them across the country in over 350 appearances in concerts, revivals, conferences, conventions and related engagements in the past nine years. They bring to this ministry a wide variety of experience including New York City Opera, Radio City Music Hall, Riverside Church, New York City, Southern Baptist Conventions, Pastor's Conferences and Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly. They are one of the most sought after duet teams in the sacred music field in the southland.

Jarvis Rose received her education in Marianna, Florida, her hometown, in high school there and Chipola Junior College and in Tallahassee at Florida State University where she met Clint. Most of her time is spent at home with their two children (Continued On Page 6)

Charles Shipman has been in full-time evangelism since 1964, except for five months in 1969 when serving as interim pastor of Calvary, Tupelo, and for 18 months as pastor-evangelist of First Baptist Church, Sayre, Alabama.

Mr. Shipman, whose home is at 103 Lewis Drive, Tupelo, preaches in revivals, meetings, crusades, Bible conferences, camp meetings, and other evangelistic meetings.

A native of Tupelo, he is married to the former Rachel McMillen of Dorsey. They have three children: Cynthia 8, David 6, and Suzanne 18 months.

A graduate of William Carey College, Class of 1960, Mr. Shipman attended Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City, Mo. He has served as pastor of four Mississippi churches: Red Banks in Marshall County; Antioch in Jeff Davis County; Zion Hill in Union County; and Auburn in Lee County.

Buddy (Byron) Mathis, born in Hattiesburg, March 14, 1954, is probably Mississippi's youngest evangelist. He began preaching even before he graduated from Pascagoula High School. At present, he is a student at Mississippi College.

Since he surrendered to preach, he has conducted 150 crusades in local churches or areawide, to crowds ranging from small groups to those of ten thousand. Frequently he has spoken at associational meetings of various types in Mississippi and in other states.

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Tom Larrimore

During the past three years in music evangelism, Tom Larrimore has traveled to twelve states for over 100 revival meetings, crusades, conventions, and concerts. On many occasions he has had opportunity to speak and preach, as well as sing.

Born in Lucedale, Mississippi, September 29, 1928, Thomas A. Larrimore graduated from the Lucedale schools. He earned the B. A. degree from Mississippi College and both BSM and MRE degrees from New Orleans Seminary.

Before entering full-time evangelistic work, he served churches as minister of music and education in Louisiana, Texas, South Carolina, Indiana, and Mississippi for 24 years.

During months when not as many revivals are held, usually December and January, he conducts music clinics, Bible studies, and concerts and speaks as opportunities are given.

Mr. Larrimore says, "I enjoy revival choirs where young people and adults join together to sing and perform as a revival choir. A concert of all the special music used during the week is given, usually on the final service of the crusade or revival."

During 27 years of music ministry he has traveled to 17 states and one foreign country and has sung in over 500 engagements, including churches of other denominations. He has recorded five albums of gospel music. He says, "If strength permits, I hope to sing 40 weeks this year." His goal is to "Reach More in 1974."

He is married to the former Florence Kull of South Carolina, who is employed by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, as office secretary with the Baptist Record. They have three children, Van, student at Mississippi College; Ann, 14, in the eighth grade at Woodland Hills Academy; and Jan, 11, in the sixth grade, public schools.

For engagements, Mr. Larrimore may be contacted at 1156 Winrose St., Jackson, Ms. 39211 (phone 601-956-1891 or 354-3704).

Rex Yancey

Rex Yancey, his wife, Ellen, and children (Lee, 5, and Lori, 3) make their home in Tupelo. The Rex Yancey Evangelistic Association, Inc. is located at 921 Parish Drive, Tupelo (phone 601-566-7725).

The young evangelist writes, "Physically, my name is Rex Yancey and I am 25 years of age. I am happily married and the father of two fine children. 'Spiritually, the Lord graciously saved me when I was a ten-year-old boy in Vacation Bible School. I then received my call to preach at the age of 17. After a year of supplying and six years as pastor, the Lord called me into evangelism.'"

"Intellectually, I have received my Bachelor of Arts degree from Blue Mountain College. I spent four and one-half years under the great Bible teaching of Dr. James L. Travis, professor of Bible at BMC."

"Doctrinally, I believe that the Bible is the Word of God from the book of Genesis to the book of Revelation. I believe in the local church and will do everything in my power to help advance the local ministry. Like Charles Spurgeon, 'I'm not ashamed to take the name of Baptist, but if you ask me my creed, I will reply it is Jesus Christ.'"

"Practically, I am not an 'X' drug addict, or wrestler, or football player. I am only a sinner saved by grace. The only drawing card I have is Jesus Christ."

He says that he considers evangelism one aspect of the total ministry of the church—as Ephesians 4:11-12 says—"And He gave some, apostles; and some prophets; and some evangelists; and some pastors and teachers."

Mr. Yancey has been in full-time evangelism for 1 1/2 years.

made an annual tour of Israel, beginning on December 28, and has also traveled in several other lands. In high school he was president of the student body.

Still single, he retains his home address (Box 2278, Pascagoula, Ms. 39567—phone 762-1338 or 762-4736).







# Contemporary Interpretation And The Biblical Teaching On Demons

By John P. Newport, Professor of Philosophy of Religion, Southwestern Seminary (Second in a series of four)

In the preceding article, it was seen that the New Testament has a great deal to say about demons.

How is this material interpreted by representative contemporary scholars? How are these interpretations to be evaluated from an evangelical or conservative perspective?

The most radical yet straight-forward attempt to deal with New Testament demonology is that of Rudolph Bultmann, the well-known German biblical scholar.

He frankly admits that demonology (and eschatology) are central in the thought of Jesus and Paul. For modern man, however, Bultmann contends that demonology is irrelevant and invalid.

He suggests that modern man does not see sickness, including demon possession, as a theological but as a medical problem. Christians should give up being hypocrites and/or idiots. The answer is demythologize.

Demons are to be seen as our own evil impulses and not as external concrete forces outside of us and acting upon us. Terms like the id, oedipus complex and compulsive delinquency are more appropriate.

Bultmann claims that he only wants to alter the form of the gospel—not its content. Kallas and other biblical scholars contend that Bultmann alters the form and essential content of the gospel.

If one says that man is not open to evil per-

sonal and external powers, then, to be consistent, one must go on to say that man is not open to good personal and external powers such as Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

The Bible contends that for redemptive purposes God does go beyond the normal laws set forth by science. According to Kallas, many Christians have demythologized, gained an audience and lost a message.

Edward Langton does not believe Jesus would have deliberately taught a false theory of demons.

Langton's own view, however, is that as a part of His incarnation Jesus was as limited in knowledge of demons as He was in science. Demons, for Langton, are a part of a time-bound world-picture.

Others such as C. H. Dodd suggest that there must be a recognition of the fact that Christ had to adapt His language to communicate to the pre-scientific mind.

Bernard Ramm suggests tests to distinguish between what is cultural or a part of a first-century world picture and that which is transcultural or part of a perennially valid and divinely inspired biblical world-view.

There are no simple rules, but some general guidelines can be given.

Whatever in the Bible is in direct reference to natural things is usually stated in terms of prevailing cultural concepts. This material about natural things is not anti-scientific but pre-scientific.

That which is theological or in teaching form is usually transcultural. An example would be

in the area of biblical psychology.

Statements about internal organs such as the heart, liver and kidney possessing psychological properties would be assigned to the prevailing culture.

These are physiological ways of representing our deep emotional and volitional life. Statements about man's soul or spirit being in the image of God are transcultural.

Transcultural truth partakes of the binding character of inspiration, not the cultural vehicle.

This same procedure is used in laying bare the essential teachings of the classics such as Plato and other ancient writings.

In the author's book, *Demons, Demons, Demons*, the thesis that the idea of a personal Satan and his demonic cohorts is a part of a perennially valid biblical world-view is accepted.

Controversy concerning details of demon possession continues to rage.

The chief characteristic of demon possession appears to have been control of the body of the possessed in an abnormal way.

Where the possessing spirit was prepared to speak, it spoke itself as an entity different from the man it was possessing.

Thus the spirits in Mark 5 recognized Jesus for what He was, and gave their name as Legion.

Similar characteristics have been noted in recent times from various parts of the world.

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## Carey To Offer Art Major For First Time

William Carey College will bring area artist, Lucille Parker, back to Hattiesburg as "artist in residence" and associate professor of art. Miss Parker, shown above painting the Carey President's home amidst the spring flowers, will join the Carey faculty in August of this year. For the first time a major in art will be offered in the school's curriculum. For the past six years Miss Parker has been on the faculty of Judson College in Marion, Alabama. She is known throughout the South for her portraits of children and paintings of wild flowers. Miss Parker is a Baptist.

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## 'Send SBC Resolutions Now'

chairman 30 days before the convention in order to make possible more thorough consideration and to expedite the committee's work."

Resolutions may be introduced by any messenger, but all such resolutions are usually referred to the resolutions committee, which in turn reports on recommended resolutions during the final two days of the convention.

Cooper and Brown observed that the bylaw doesn't prohibit any messenger from introducing a resolution from the convention floor that hasn't been sent in advance to the resolutions committee. Rather, the resolutions aren't officially introduced and can't be acted upon by the committee until presented to the full convention, he noted.

Mail copies of proposed resolutions to be submitted to the convention in advance to Brown, the chairman, at First Baptist Church, 211 West Comanche, Norman, Okla. 73069.

## Study Course Credit Up 18.5%

NASHVILLE—Requests for Church Study Course credit during the first six months of the 1973-74 fiscal year (October-March) have increased 18.5 percent over the same time period last year, according to J. William Thompson, Church Study Course coordinator at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

For the second consecutive quarter (January - March, 1974) the Awards Office at the board, which issues credit to applicants from more than 34,000 Southern Baptist churches, has received and processed a greatly increased number of credit requests, said Thompson.

## Sunday School Attendance Reports Are Important

The Sunday morning Sunday School attendance report is important. (1) Church people are interested and would like to know how many individuals have come for Bible study, Sunday by Sunday. (2) Make the report during the worship service. Be sure your radio-TV audience hears these weekly results. (3) An effective Bible study atmosphere is conducive and promotes good Sunday School attendance. (4) Make the Sunday School attendance report without apology. (5) Quantity and quality go hand in hand. Our Lord emphasized numbers and people—we can do no less. (6) To reach people we must major on people. The attendance report on Sunday morning reflects a sense and feeling of concern, compassion and care. —Bryant Cummings.

## The Convention President Speaks

I am delighted to be an American and I am also pleased to be a Mississippian. Last Thursday, when the President of the United States came to Jackson, it was a thrill to me in more than one way.

The first way is that I felt good all over to have the privilege of participating in such an experience. All of us are aware of the fact that Mr. Nixon carries an unusual load. It is hard enough to be president, but then to have to work under the additional load must be almost unbearable. In my opinion, we need to pray much for him and the work he does and give him all the support we can.

The second way I was made to feel good was to see the response of our fellow Mississippians. We have a great state. We are a law-abiding state as our governor pointed out. When the President entered the coliseum and received the ovation, I was honored to be part of it.

Here at Broadmoor Baptist Church, we are observing April 30 as a national day of humiliation, fasting, and prayer. I do not know how much fasting there will be, but I am speaking along that line in both morning and evening services Sunday, April 28, and we are going to have a special service, Tuesday, April 30. (These words are written prior to these services.)

Personally, I think we have a moral obligation to be patriotic. I think it is a Christian duty and privilege, and I am glad to do so. —David Grant.

## A Full Gospel Baptist

By Tai D. Bonham  
Director of Evangelism  
Baptist General Convention  
of Oklahoma

As the plane prepared for takeoff, an evangelist and I sat on either side of a handsome young chemist.

"Are you full gospel?" the chemist asked the evangelist.

"I have been 'full gospel' for over twenty years," answered the evangelist.

"How long have you been speaking in tongues?" the chemist asked.

"I have been 'full gospel' from the time of my conversion, but I do not speak in tongues," he answered. As we visited together, our chemist friend explained that he had recently become involved in an interdenominational Bible study group. There, he had been taught that "full gospel" is synonymous with speaking in tongues.

My evangelist friend went on to explain: "Jesus was miraculously virgin-born. He lived a

sinless life. He died on the cross for all of our sins. On the third day, he rose from the grave and later ascended into heaven. Someday he is coming back to this earth. When I received the Lord Jesus Christ over twenty years ago, he saved me fully. I experienced the full meaning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

As the big DC-10 approached the landing strip, the young man said sincerely to each of us, "You know, I've got a lot to learn about the Gospel and the Christian life. I certainly appreciate your sharing with me from God's Word. It's been a great help to me."

The writer of Hebrews spoke of Jesus as our great, unchangeable high priest who is able to save "to the uttermost" (Heb. 7:25). One who is saved through Jesus Christ is fully saved. He is saved from Hell to Heaven. He is saved from sin to service. He is saved from an incomplete life to an abundant life. THAT IS THE FULL GOSPEL!

## 'Meals On Wheels' Feed Hungry In Winston-Salem

By Toby Druin

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. (BP) — "I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me drink. . ."

Come heat, rain, sleet or snow, they take that quotation from Matthew's gospel seriously in Winston-Salem. Fifty-two weeks of the year, Monday through Friday, some 150 volunteers from 14 or more churches here see that the hungry are fed.

The volunteers provide the "wheels" for an innovative Meals on Wheels program that delivers two meals daily—lunch and the evening meal—to a growing number of individuals unable to provide for themselves.

The unusual program, begun in 1961, was the brainchild of former Twin-Cities Mayor Marshall Kurfees, who now heads the Model Community Project, aimed at making the city a better place to live.

The program has grown so that in the past year about 25,000 meals were delivered. Bob Bailey, associate pastor of Wake Forest Baptist Church and program coordinator, said his crew of interdenominational workers can be depended on to make deliveries of meals—even in a foot of snow, as happened this winter.

Meals on wheels has a distinctive Baptist flavor but is an interdenominational venture. The meals are provided by North Carolina Baptist Hospital, with Wake Forest Baptist Church coordinating the project.

Ardmore, Mt. Zion, First Church, East Winston and College Park—all Baptist churches—are involved in distribution, as are the city's St. Paul's Episcopal, Clermons and Home Moravian congregations.

The First, Trinity and Highland Presbyterian churches and First Christian Church, among others, provide additional volunteers.

Meals in the program are the same as those served by the Baptist hospital, including any of 18 special diets. Mrs. R. R. Brock, hospital's dietician, supervises preparation of the "wheels" meals, just as she does for meals served to the hospital's patients.

Some persons have been receiving the meals for years, while others participate for only a week or two. Bailey said the hospital can provide meals for a maximum of 75 individuals.

On weekends, persons who receive the "wheels" meals Monday through Friday depend on friends or family or prepare their own meals. Breakfast isn't provided because breakfast foods are easily kept and prepared, Mrs. Brock said.

Cost of preparing the meals, bookkeeping and labeling of meal cartons are absorbed by the hospital and doesn't add to the food price.

The Meals on Wheels program isn't charity, Bailey noted. Rather, he said, almost all the people now receiving the meals, provided by the hospital on a non-profit basis, are able to pay.

Several people receive a portion of the cost from South Carolina's department of Social Services, he added. Meal containers from the Reynolds Foundation, plus the volunteer delivery force, also help keep costs down, Bailey said.

No one is turned down simply because he or she can't afford cost of the service, Bailey said.

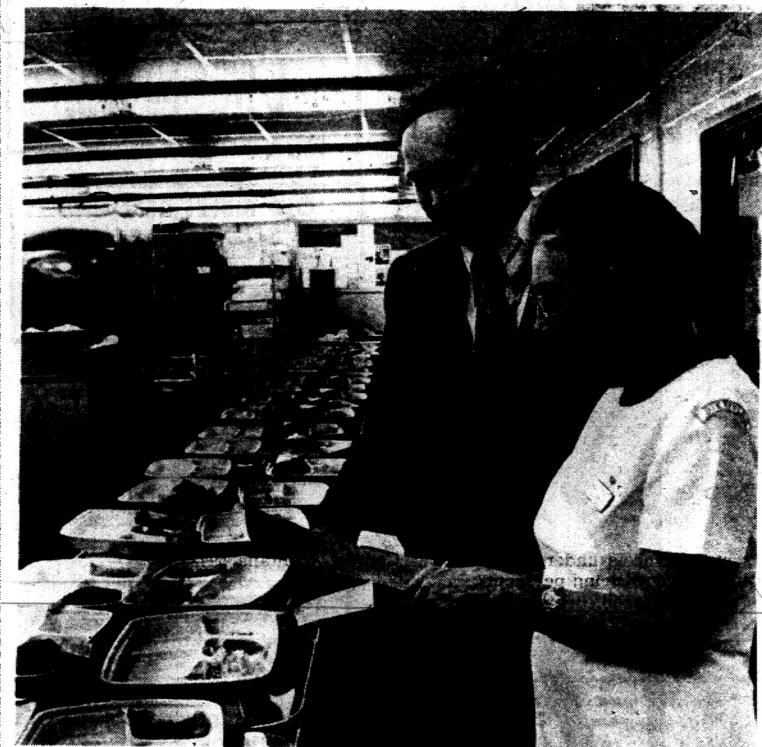
The meals program is a ministry for many of the volunteers, aside from the mere transporting of meals. Recipients are often elderly or handicapped, and the volunteer might be the only contact outside the apartment or home.

Deliveries begin around 11:15 a.m. and usually take a volunteer about an hour to complete, depending on weather, traffic, and time spent in the meals recipients' homes. Many volunteers and recipients have developed firm friendships.

Most of the delivery volunteers are women, though husbands and children occasionally help. Mrs. C. W. Day, a member of First Baptist Church here lauded the program.

"I had been beating my brains out going to meetings," she said between deliveries. "This way I feel as if I'm really contributing." Mrs. Grant Lynch agreed, "It's the most worthwhile thing I do."

Adapted from the February, 1974 issue of World Mission Journal.



Bob Bailey, coordinator of the Meals on Wheels program, and Mrs. R. R. Brock, dietician at North Carolina Baptist Hospital where the meals are prepared, examine special diets destined for persons along the delivery routes. Bailey is associate pastor at Wake Forest Church, Winston-Salem where the meals program was initiated.



Mrs. Marcus Shelton, a member of First Baptist, Winston-Salem, N. C., delivers one of the styrofoam-encased meals to an elderly man on her route.

## Helicopters Fly Patients To Eku Baptist Hospital

By Mrs. John F. McCoy, Missionary to Nigeria

EKU, Nigeria (BP)—The traditional bush hospital image no longer applies to Eku Baptist Hospital.

True, it is still located in the rural bush area, with its African life style and few modern conveniences, but now the hospital's outreach is international with the addition of a heliport.

The converted soccer field adjacent to the hospital may not be recognized as a heliport until one of the helicopters lands bringing the sick or injured in need of immediate medical care. The patient may be a Nigerian or one of a dozen other nationalities that have arrived in Eku by helicopter in the past few years.

Helicopter service is provided by several major oil companies for their employees in Nigeria. The oil boom came to Nigeria about ten years ago and today involves many international companies with thousands of employees.

Eku seems to some an unlikely place for a hospital. Once isolated, Eku is now in a strategic place—on the edge of the oil-rich Niger River Delta



HELICOPTER MOVES INJURED: A helicopter used by a French oil company is flying an injured employee from Nigeria's Eku Baptist Hospital to Besin. From there the patient will be taken by jet to Paris.

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## Names In The News

Rev. Stephen Breault resigned as pastor of the Endville Church, Pontotoc County, where he has pastored for the past two years. Mr. Breault pastored the Thrasher Church in Prentiss County for eleven months prior to going to Endville. He has not accepted another pastorate, but plans to enter college in June.

Rev. James Moore of 910 Choc-taw Drive, Twin Lakes, Walls, is pastor of a church that has moved from Memphis into the DeSoto County area of Mississippi. Formerly called Westwood, the church is now called the Church Road Baptist Church. Though not yet in the DeSoto Baptist Association, they will probably join it this fall.

Rev. Peter McLeod is guest speaker for the annual Staley Lecture Series on the Wm. Carey campus, April 30 - May 2, according to an announcement by Dr. Don Stewart, chairman of Carey's Department of Religion and Philosophy. McLeod is pastor of the historic First Baptist Church in Waco, Texas. He is a native of Shotts, Scotland, having come to the United States in 1955.

Clarke College Music Department presented Melita A. Ann Sheemaker and Donna Walwright in a joint piano recital on Monday night, April 29. Donna is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Donald E. Walwright of Eldon, Missouri. She is a member of the Concert Choir, the C's ensemble, and was first alternate this year in the Clarke Beauty Pageant. Melita's parents are Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Shoemaker, Jr., of Clara. She is pianist for the Concert Choir and the C's ensemble. She was selected most talented and most beautiful at Clarke in 1974. Both are piano students of Mrs. Alice Faye Davies of the Clarke faculty.

Broadmoor Church, Jackson, on April 3 ordained Beverly T. Kennedy, Jr., pictured, to the gospel ministry. He is a graduate of Mississippi State University and Southern Seminary. Mr. Kennedy has been called to the Yemassee Baptist Church, Yemassee, South Carolina, and will assume his duties there in the near future. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Kennedy of Jackson. He is married to the former Frances Richardson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Glen Richardson of Columbus.

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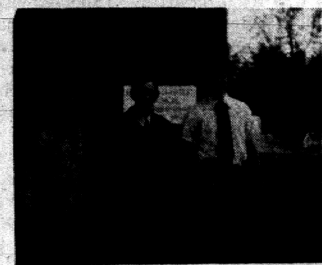
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Mike Racey, left, and Kenneth Harness were recently licensed to the gospel ministry by Bay Vista Church. Mike is married to the former Annette Evans and will enter William Carey College this fall. Kenneth will be a senior at Biloxi High. Both are available for pulp supply and can be contacted through Bay Vista Church, Biloxi.

The Board of Grants of the American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education has awarded \$175,000 in graduate Fellowships for the 1974-75 school year. Four Mississippi students are among the recipients. Dr. Lewis Nobles, president of Mississippi College, serves on the Board that has assisted over 900 Fellows in their Ph.D. studies and is currently supporting 65 individuals in 24 universities. The Foundation has supplied almost \$7 million to pharmaceutical education. The four Mississippi students included in the Fellowship grants announced for 1974-75 are James E. Flor, Lon N. Larson, William L. Lasswell and Kenneth B. Roberts, all of the University of Mississippi.

Octavia Applewhite is serving North Winona Church as youth director. Before going to North Winona she served at First, Columbus and Broadmoor, Jackson. She is leading the youth now in preparation for a three-day mission tour to New Orleans, La. The tour is scheduled for July 1-3. The youth of the church are raising the \$700 needed for the trip through various work projects, according to Rev. Leon Ballard, pastor.



Three young men, James Towery, Gene Hudson, and Harold Rutledge, surrendered to preach recently during a revival at Beulah Church, Myrtle, in Union County. Rev. E. L. Crumpton was evangelist for the revival meeting. Rev. Kara Blackard is the pastor.

Ken Russell was presented in his senior voice recital in the Thomas Fine Arts Auditorium of William Carey College on April 19. A music grant recipient, he is currently serving as minister of music at First Church, Sumrall. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Russell, Sr. of Destrehan, Louisiana.

Bryan Michael Howard has been named Laurel's outstanding young educator of the year by the Laurel Jaycees. The talented young musician is choral director at R. H. Watkins High School, where he has taught for the past six years. He studied at William Carey College, University of Southern Mississippi where he was awarded the Bachelor of Arts degree, and at Tulane University. The son of Mrs. Iola Howard of McLaurin, he still serves as organist at the McLaurin Baptist Church where he has been a member since childhood.

Lynnette McDonald, director of theatre-speech and instructor in piano at Grand Canyon College, Phoenix, Ariz., will marry John Nelson Miller in a May wedding in Phoenix. Miss McDonald, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Robert McDonald, Baptist pastor at Crowville, La., studied one year at MC and graduated from Delta State, Cleveland. She received the Master of Music degree from U. of Arizona and is candidate for an M.A. degree in theatre. The groom, May candidate for a master's degree from U. of Pennsylvania, will join the staff of Mellon National Bank of Pittsburgh in June. His father, Dr. Frederic Miller, is pastor emeritus of First Presbyterian Church, Youngstown, Ohio.

Rear Adm. James W. Kelly, (USN-Ret.), director of the division of chaplaincy of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, has been named "Clergyman of the Year" by Religious Heritage of America.

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## The Biblical Teaching On Demons

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ity and speaks in a different voice. The person often becomes violent and may exhibit supernatural knowledge. Usually his comments are evil and often blasphemous.

A full study of cases in China was made by a missionary, J. L. Nevius, before the Chinese Communist takeover.

It is an exhaustive study with the conclusion that in the light of all the evidence, demon possession is what the name suggests. It cannot be equated with any ordinary physical or psychological derangement, said Nevius.

An alternative view by T. K. Oesterreich has been published in his work entitled Possession, Demonic and Other, among Primitive Races, in Antiquity, the Middle Ages, and Modern Times.

His contention is that all cases of demon possession can be removed from the sphere of supernatural and regarded as examples of disassociation of a human personality.

A person must decide whether or not the modern psychological knowledge of complexes and split personalities has accounted for what was formerly believed to be demon possession.

Some cases can be admitted, but all do not need to be admitted.

One way of proof is of a practical nature. Members of the Christian World Liberation Front and other Christian workers in California had to face demonized young people in the late 1960's.

Confronted with what appeared to be cases of demon possession or demon subjugation, they were able after fervent prayer to command the demon to depart in the name of Jesus Christ.

The cure in most cases has generally been permanent unless, as is the case in missionary lands, a person has gone back to idolatry.

From a psychiatric standpoint, a case involving an extensive complex of compulsive phenomena could not usually be cured this way. Otherwise more psychiatrists would be obtaining sudden cures.

G. Beasley Murray suggests that rejection of the Satanic and demonic is untenable to a Christian who takes the Bible seriously.

People cite crude and distorted notions of God to reject Biblical teaching about God. In a similar way, non-biblical and distorted teachings about Satan are cited to reject an authentic Biblical teaching.

Jesus clearly interpreted His own ministry in terms of the Satanic and demonic.

Belief in the Satanic and demonic is a pointer to the seriousness of man's need and a reminder of the absolute necessity of grace.

It is also a sharp reminder of the need of the second advent for the final defeat of Satan.

It should be remembered, however, that the New Testament teaches that Satan and his demons are not co-equal with God. Satan is a created being who has rebelled and can tempt - but not force.

Furthermore, the main concern of the Bible is not with the devil and his demons but with God and the gospel of grace. Satan and the demonic have been overcome by the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The New Testament never allows complete pessimism. In the end Satan and his angels will be completely overcome.

In fact, Jesus came into the world to "destroy the works of the devil" (1 Jn. 3:8).

The cross was a decisive victory over Satan and Satan's host (Col. 2:15). This victory insured that countless numbers would be delivered from the dominion of darkness and transferred to the kingdom of Christ (Col. 1:13).

## Longview Heights To Dedicate New Sanctuary

Longview Heights Church (DeSoto) will have a dedication service for their new sanctuary, May 5. Lunch will be served following worship hour.

The dedication service will follow the fellowship luncheon, at 2:30 p.m. Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will be guest speaker. A reception, to which everyone is invited, will follow the service of dedication.

The new sanctuary is of brick veneer construction with masonry walls. It has laminated wooden beams with laminated decking and vaulted ceiling. The building contains church office, pastor's office, baptistry, dressing rooms, choir rehearsal room, main auditorium with choir space, and adult Sunday school classrooms with overflow space for auditorium. The choir has seating capacity of 44, main auditorium has seating capacity of 200, and overflow space for 200, with total seating capacity of 550.

"All members, former members and friends are invited," says Rev. Armond D. Taylor, pastor.

## Clint & Jarvis Nichols

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Coleman and Roselyn.

Clint was educated in Memphis, Tennessee at Bartlett High School and Memphis State University, was graduated from Oklahoma Baptist University, New Orleans, La., and most recently has received his Doctor of Music degree from Florida State University. He presently serves as an assistant professor of music in the area of voice and church music at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg.

They have made several sacred recordings.

Most recently they have been heard at Alta Woods and Broadmoor in Jackson. They may be reached at 215 Marlene Drive, Petal, MS 39465.

## Helicopters Fly Patients To Hospital

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and off-shore regions of the midwestern state.

Roads to Eku were not paved until 1966 and the ride is, even now, neither speedy nor smooth. Nevertheless, the hospital has grown from a 24-bed unit in 1950 to a 163-bed referral hospital with four missionary doctors and one Nigerian doctor.

Since its beginning, thousands of critically ill or injured Nigerians have come to Eku Baptist Hospital for treatment. They have come by foot, bicycle, truck, taxi, motorbike, bus and canoe from places where no adequate health facilities are located.

Now through the means of the helicopters of American oil companies, the service of the hospital has been extended to an international clientele.

Gulf Oil Company, among the first to use the hospital's facilities, has a dispensary at its Lagos office, about 250 miles from Eku, and a sick-bay at Escravos Terminal, 75 miles west of Eku.

It was Gulf that installed a radio for the hospital to receive messages about patients coming by helicopter. This radio has not only met the needs of Gulf, but has given missionaries a link with other mission stations that was not available before because there are no phones in Eku.

Missionary N. Brannan Eubanks summarized the benefit of this service. "It provides an opening to people who are without a Christian witness," he said.

450 Nigerians Respond As Crusade Continues

ZARIA, Nigeria - An evangelistic crusade here, one of 17 being held throughout Nigeria, began recently with five lay evangelism schools and ended with a week-long revival resulting in over 450 decisions.

The general revival featured as evangelist Joao F. Soren, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Rio de Janeiro, president of the Brazilian Baptist Convention and past president of the Baptist World Alliance. Charles Woods of First Baptist Church, Albertville, Ala., assisted him with music.

Services were held in a soccer stadium and attendance was over 2,000 every night, increasing by 200 to 400 every night but one.

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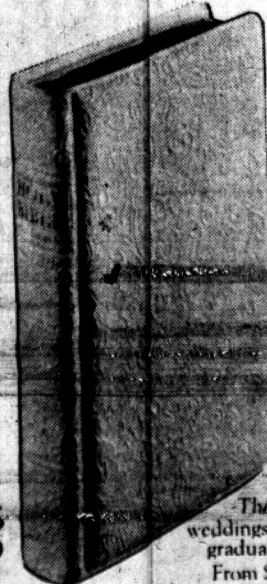
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"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights..."

James 1:17



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Ferguson, who holds bachelor of divinity and doctor of theology degrees from Southwestern Seminary, was elected to the seminary post Nov. 3, 1972. He assumed office, Feb. 1, 1973, following 17 years on the faculty of Southwestern Seminary.

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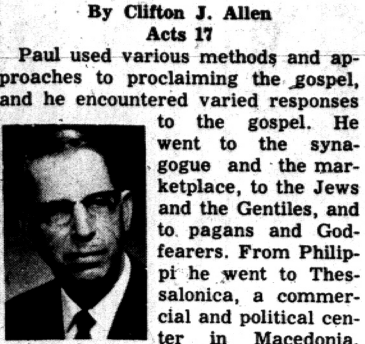
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When vicious opposition arose there, Paul and his companions moved on to Berea and labored there until opposi-

tion made it seem wise to go on to Athens. Paul did not run from opposition, but he followed a wise strategy of concentration upon major cities, starting churches to continue the work of Christian witnessing, and then going on to other centers to proclaim the gospel.

and to rise from the dead. He then proclaimed Jesus as the Christ. Some persons were convinced that Paul's message was in accord with the Scriptures, and they responded with acceptance and belief. Many of the God-fearers, Gentiles but not proselytes to Judaism, were converted. Not a few of the leading women became converts. However, the gospel encountered rejection as well as acceptance. Jealousy and hostility arose among the Jews toward the missionaries, and toward the gospel. These hostile persons charged that Paul and Silas were dangerous revolutionaries. The gospel had won converts, and it had also aroused persecution.

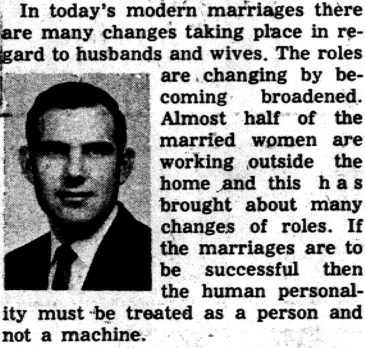
Open To The Truth Verses 10-14 Paul and Silas accompanied by Timothy, left Thessalonica and moved on to Berea. The Jews there were more open to the truth. They seem also to have been of nobler character. Their openness to the truth was not superficial acceptance; it was a willingness to search the Old Testament Scripture to see if the message of the missionaries were really so. Paul welcomed their serious purpose and searching examination. Many were convinced and believed in the gospel. Paul, however, became the target of an attack, incited by Jews who had come from Thessalonica, so that the Christians sent him away, some of

them even going with him as far as Athens, while Silas and Timothy remained for a time in Berea to strengthen the work there and encourage the new converts. The response of the Bereans has become a classic in Christian history: the Bereans are searchers for truth. Curiosity And Skepticism Verses 15-18 Paul sent word to Timothy and Silas to join him as quickly as possible in Athens. He was now in a city known as the center of Greek art and culture. What approach would he make and what response could he expect? He argued in the synagogue with the Jews and God-fearers, and also there in the marketplace daily with persons who chanced to be there. Some of Paul's hearers, especially

the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers, scoffed at his preaching Jesus and the resurrection. They said he sounded like a babbling, one dealing with trifling matters, and that he seemed to be a preacher of new divinities or one setting forth strange gods. At any rate, his preaching attracted enough attention to induce some of his hearers to take him to the Areopagus, a sort of official council for religious and cultural matters. Verses 22-31 are the account of Paul's sermon. Some persons did believe the gospel and identify with the apostle. Even in Athens, the power of the gospel resulted in new converts to the glory of Christ.

Regard For One Another

I Corinthians 12:5; 13:4-7; Colossians 3:12-21 By Bill Duncan Did you see the cartoon in Ladies' Home Journal of the man standing at the sink washing dishes talking to another man while two women sat in the living room visiting? The one washing dishes said, "Sure, I'm in favor of women having equal rights, but you'll never get them back to that!"



In today's modern marriages there are many changes taking place in regard to husbands and wives. The roles are changing by becoming broadened. Almost half of the married women are working outside the home and this has brought about many changes of roles. If the marriages are to be successful then the human personality must be treated as a person and not a machine.

en were more likely to show these first two characteristics: (1). Have kindly attitudes toward others. (2). Expect kindly attitudes from others. The happy husbands were inclined to have the following characteristics: (1). Have even and stable emotional tones. (2). Are Cooperative. (3). Show attitudes toward women that reflects equalitarian ideals. (4). Have benevolent attitudes toward inferiors, etc. How do you treat the partner in marriage with proper respect? Men need to treat the wife as a person and not a thing! Things are to use. People are to love. Many a man has learned by hard experience "how not to treat a woman." A couple had a fairly new Oldsmobile of which they were proud. One day she phoned him to report that she had been in an accident. Of course he asked the wrong question first. "How much damage did it do to the car?" He did not help himself with points, when finally after several questions about fault and insurance she asked, "Do you have any more questions?" "No," he replied, "I think that covers it!" "Oh, does it," she shouted, "Well, just in case you're

interested, I'm at the hospital with five broken ribs." How does a person effectively say "I am sorry" after a thing like that? He can't effectively! Charles Shedd said in his book Letters to Philip "Always, without exception, every day, all week, the whole year, permanently, with no variance, and I mean one hundred percent of the time, the female of the species responds best if she knows she is number one on the male agenda!" Verbal assurance is what wives cannot get to much. Women are even good at sign language. Some times a look or a touch or a gesture is better than a thousand words. MARRIAGE IS A PARTNERSHIP I Cor. 7:2-5 Paul was so honest with his opinion about marriage that sometimes this bothers us. Some people in Corinth had taken Paul to say that if a man were going to be a Christian in the fullest sense of the term, he must have done with physical things, and must refuse to marry altogether. But Paul was very practical. He said, "Remember your physical constitution and the healthy instincts which nature has given you. You will be far better to marry than fall in sin. No man should attempt to live a life for which he is naturally unfitted." But when marriage comes to sex,

the husband must never regard the wife simply as a means of self-gratification. He must regard the whole marriage relationship as something in which both find their gratification and both find the highest satisfaction. If marriage is to work as a partnership, the persons must have developed or in the process of developing, adaptability. A person with a rigid personality will find it hard to fit into a situation of marriage where adjustments must be made. A happily married person is one who is adaptable at "giving in" in arguments, who is not dominating, who is slow to anger and quick to get over anger. The person who is struggling to respond to the others feelings must be an adaptable person. A partnership must have empathy which is the ability to perceive accurately the feelings and attitudes of another. The person who lacks tact in relationships of marriage probably is not able to regulate his responses. If a partnership is to work there must be the perceptive understanding of the other's feeling. Spouses who have empathy will be able to avoid hurt as well as know how to give emotional support and to build up the mate.

MARRIAGE IS BASED UPON CARING LOVE I Cor. 13:4-7 What is the difference in "Christian love" and love? Much that we call love is selfishness. It is one person saying, "I love you for what I can get out of it." When the person fails to get something, then he says "I do not love you." Christian love is based on what the person can give to the other person. In this love chapter, Paul lists many characteristics of Christian love that will help us have proper regard for one another. (1) Love is patient. This is a sign of a strong person for it describes a person who is wronged and who has it easily in his power to average himself and who will not do it. (2) Love is kind. (3) Love knows no envy. The absence of this kind of love can allow a relationship to develop grudges. This destroys relationships. (4) Love does not insist upon its rights. We would have less problems if people would think less of their rights and more of their duty. (5) Love does not store up the memory of any wrong it has received. Many a marriage has failed because the wronged could not forget. (6) Love is completely trusting. It is true we make people what we believe them to be. Love helps the worst to be better by believing the best. These characteristics plus others in this great chapter give us a good understanding of the proper regard we should have for one another and especially for those we love. FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS ARE TO BE CHRISTIAN Col. 3:18-21 In all the relationships of life we

are to act with an awareness that we are Christ's people. This means in the home, "Oh how we long to behave as we should." Paul in this letter emphasizes the duties that should be in the family relationships to strengthen them. But the duties are reciprocal. If the wife has a duty to her husband then the husband has a corresponding duty. (1) The wife's duty to the husband: submission. This establishes the husband's authority. Of course this is prompted by the husband's unselfish love. This is proper in the context of "in the Lord." This is in the natural order of life but it is lifted to a higher level in the Christian order. (2) The husband's duty to the wife: love and patience. Self devotion not self-satisfaction is the dominant trait. Husbands are exhorted to be patient with the colloquial expression for a translation, "don't be cross with." (3) The duty of children to parents: obey. This implies a readiness to hear and has in it a sense of obeying orders. This passage assumes a Christian home is the context. This is a natural relationship but it is also especially pleasing to God when believing children are careful to fulfill this duty. (4) The duty of parents to children: Encourage. When parents are always fault finding, the children fail to feel trust. They may create an atmosphere that they cannot please the parents. Parents should not be too exacting, too demanding or severe, but wise in their dealing with the children.



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Revival Results

Beulah, Myrtle (Union Co.): Rev. E. L. Crumpton, evangelist; Rev. Kara Blackard, pastor; 28 professions of faith; (21 were baptized April 14, the others to be baptized at a later time) three surrendering to preach. Morrison Heights, Clinton: March 31-April 5; Garland McKee, evangelist; R. L. and Beth Sigrest, musicians; Charles Gentry, pastor; 24 professions of faith, for baptism; nine by letter; two by statement; two surrendering for full-time Christian service; many rededications.

Alexander Memorial Dedicates Building

Alexander Memorial Church, James, held special dedication services Sunday, April 28, for their new building. Rev. E. C. Farr, pictured, of Scooba, brought the dedication message. Dinner was served at the church, followed by a song service in the afternoon.

Pascagoula's Calvary To Present Dramatic Musical, "The King Is Coming," At Emmanuel, Ocean Springs

Pascagoula's Calvary Church will present their original dramatic musical "The King Is Coming" for the 32nd time, Saturday, May 4, 7:30 p.m., at the Emmanuel Church in Ocean Springs. William T. Gill is director of music and youth at Emmanuel. This production has been given six times in the past two years in their own sanctuary to capacity and overflow attendance. It has also been given in churches in Jackson, Hattiesburg, Laurel, Meridian, Columbia; several churches in the Mobile area; and in First Church, New Orleans.

Parkway Church, Jackson: Rev. Eddie Martin, evangelist; April 14-21; 11 by letter; 45 baptism; 38 rededications; two for baptism from other denominations, three rededications not desiring to join Parkway, with a total 99 decisions; Dr. Bill Causey, pastor. Rehoboth Gospel Assembly, Kingston, Jamaica, W. I.: April 7-12; Tommy and Diane Winders of Tupelo, evangelists; Rev. Henry White, pastor; 59 total decisions; 42 professions of faith. Pride, La.: Ed Bryon of Clinton, evangelist; R. C. Branch, pastor; 21 total decisions. First Church, Sharon, Tennessee: Ed Bryon of Clinton, evangelist; J. W. Abney, pastor; 17 decisions. Southside, Greenville: Ed Bryon of Clinton, evangelist; Rev. Tom Espy, pastor; 29 decisions. Parkwood, Gastonia, N. C.: April 14-19; Tommy and Diane Winders of Tupelo, evangelists; 51 decisions; 29 professions of faith; M. O. Owens, Jr., pastor.

Revival Dates

Mathiston Church: April 28 - May 3; services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. William S. Stewart, pastor of First, Eupora, evangelist; Harold Smith, minister of music at West Jackson St. Church, Tupelo, evangelist singer; Rev. Marvin D. Bibb, pastor. McLaurin Heights Church, Pearl: May 5-12; James D. Watson, evangelist; Edwin Sudduth, instrumental evangelist; Loren Miller, music evangelist; Sunday services 10:55 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Monday - Friday 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Saturday 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Eugene H. Dobbs, pastor. First Church, Glendale: May 5-10; Rev. Jerry Mixon, evangelist; Dallas Rayborn, minister of music for the church, song leader; services at 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Dr. Don H. Stewart, pastor. Eastside, Pearl: May 3-5; Friday and Saturday services at 7:30 p.m.; Coffee House Friday night; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Rev. Buster Wilson, evangelist; David A. Miller, directing music; Rev. Howard Benton, pastor.

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Homecoming Day At West Laurel

The West Laurel Church, Laurel, will have Homecoming Day, Sunday, May 5. Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. and the morning worship service will be at 11 a.m. The pastor, Rev. D. J. Benson will preach the message. All former members and friends are invited. Lunch will be in the Family Life Building.

1st, Bay St. Louis Calls New Pastor

Rev. Nathan L. Barber is now serving as pastor of First Church, Bay St. Louis. He began his duties on the 1st of April. Originally from Meridian, Mr. Barber attended New Orleans Seminary and served as pastor of Calvary Church, Hattiesburg before going to Bay St. Louis. He, his wife Pat, and son, Nathan Jr., live at 106 Bay View Court, Bay St. Louis.

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Pictured left to right: Mrs. James Prewitt; Rev. and Mrs. Mason; James Prewitt, chairman of deacons; James Beasley, ministry of music and youth.

### 1st, Crystal Springs, Honors Pastor Estus Mason On 20th Anniversary

Twenty years of faithful, dedicated leadership of the pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Estus Mason, was reason for celebration by the members of First Church, Crystal Springs, on April 14.

James Beasley, minister of music and youth, presented James Prewitt, chairman of deacons, who expressed on behalf of the church membership, deep love and appreciation for their pastor's loyalty and consecration to God's work and for Mrs. Mason's sharing in this service.

Mr. Prewitt then presented to the surprised couple a leatherbound book of personal letters from their church

members, and an appreciation check, a monetary love gift.

In the evening the church choir, under James Beasley's direction, dedicated their performance of the Easter cantata, "A Miracle of Love", to the Masons. A reception honoring pastor and wife climaxed the anniversary observance.

During the past twenty years under the leadership of Rev. Mason, Church, First Crystal Springs has had 567 additions by profession of faith, and 1,077 by letter. Over \$500,000 has been given for all mission causes. The church has also continued to grow in many other ways.

## Baptist Joggers Jubilee To Kick Off June 11, Dallas

The first Southern Baptist Joggers Jubilee will kickoff June 11, 6:30-7:30 a.m., at the Aerobics Center in Dallas just prior to the opening session of the annual Convention.

### Olive Calls First Minister Of Music

Olive Church, Lumberton, has called a minister of music for the first time in the history of the church.

Olive Church called Dionne Williams, pictured of Poplarville, as minister of music, effective March 31. Senior at Poplarville High School, he is recipient of the William Randolph Hearst Scholarship and plans to attend Pearl River Junior College and Mississippi College. Dionne is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Warren Williams.

He served as minister of music and youth at New Henleyfield Church, Picayune, for the summer of 1973. He was minister of music and youth at Central Church, McNeill, before going to Olive. He is a member of a Folk Group called the "Christian Her-alds."

"Baptists adults of all ages may take part for 50 cents round trip bus fare," said Ray Connor, secretary of the Church Recreation Department of the SBC Sunday School Board, which is sponsoring the event. No parking is available at the Aerobics Center.

"The joggers jubilee is held to glorify God in our bodies—the temple of the Holy Spirit—in celebration of the abundant life in Christ," said Connor.

Dr. Kenneth H. Cooper, founder of the U. S. Air Force Aerobics program of physical fitness, will welcome the SBC group and take his daily turns on the track with them.

An award certificate will be presented to each person who finishes one, two or three miles.

"Pre-registration is a must," said Connor. Send name and address to E. Eugene Greer, 202 Baptist Building, Dallas, Texas 75201.

A bus will begin picking up joggers at 5:40 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Downtown, the Convention Center, the Ramada, the Adolphus, Baker, Statler-Hilton, and Sheraton Hotels.

Another bus will begin at the Holiday Inn Central and pick up joggers at the Ramada Central, Hilton Inn and the Park and Ride Site just off Central Expressway. Park Cities Baptist Church on Northwest Highway near Preston Road will provide free parking for those who catch the bus there.



### Plan Woman's College Luncheon

Former student of the Hattiesburg college that is now William Carey have set May 18 as the date for a "first get-together" in many years of women who attended Mississippi Woman's College prior to its closing in 1940. The luncheon, to be held on the Carey campus in Wilkes Hall, will begin at noon. Prior to the luncheon all Mississippi Woman's College alumnae will sit in a body at the Carey baccalaureate services at 10 a.m. Mrs. Elise Curtis, a 1928 graduate, is president of the 1974 Carey Alumni Association and will participate in the baccalaureate service. All former students of Mississippi Woman's College are urged to contact the school for invitations and reservation forms. Shown seated in the foreground are: Mrs. Dorothy P. Pool Ware and Mrs. Kathleen Sanders Ross. Standing from left: Mrs. Lottie (W. W.) Grafton, Mrs. Curtis (Elise Matthews), and Mrs. Margaret Lou Hemmeter Gillespie. Mrs. Gillespie is chairman of the Woman's College luncheon committee.



### Student President, V-P, Both From Mississippi

The newly elected president and vice president of the Southwestern Seminary student Council, both from Mississippi confer with two of their home state's leaders. Left to right are Samuel A. Hendry, Jr., of Hattiesburg, vice president; Earl Kelly, executive secretary for Mississippi; Jerry Y. Allen, of Cleveland, president; and Joe T. Odle, editor of the Baptist Record. Hendry is a master of church music student and Allen is a master of divinity student at the Fort Worth Seminary.

### First, Tinsley Calls Pastor

Rev. Jessie Lewis Gooch of Huntsville, AL, has accepted the call of the Tinsley Church, and will begin as pastor there, June 1.



Gooch will graduate at Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Florida, May 31, with the diploma in theology. Both he and Mrs. Gooch will enroll at Mississippi College, Clinton, for the fall term, he said.

While studying at BBI he was pastor of Union Church, Clayton, AL, for two years. Before entering the ministry, he was a technical writer and computer programmer for General Electric Company, Huntsville, 8 years.

Mrs. Gooch, who was Gwendolyn Jones of Jefferson, Ga., attended BBI classes enough to enroll in college as an advanced sophomore. They have a son and daughter, ages 13 and 11.

### Devotional

## Obedience

By Mel C. Craft, pastor, Tylertown

I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus (Galatians 6:17). Paul's great words of testimony speak to each of us. Each of us bears the mark of our Master. Our course in life, our goals and aspirations, our manner of achieving them, and our disposition while achieving them bear ample ("stigmata") marks for the world to see and for us to remember.

Churches bear mark. Like individuals, a church may give the "illusion" of happiness, movement, and progress. If happiness is just a grin instead of a delight of being in the center of God's will, of being at peace with God and man, and of being active in doing His will, it is an illusion. If movement is all self-centered and energy directed at advancing self rather than God, it is an illusion. A merry-go-round moves but goes nowhere. If progress means achieving goals for God and giving glory to God, then happy is that church or individual.

Marks of humility, seeking to give God glory in our thoughts, disposition and deeds are hard to come by. We are to give glory to God in the Church.

Obedience is the road and way of life that produces a man who is something, knows something, and does something. It has a Cross and a Crown. It always involves sacrifice. It did for Jesus. It does for us.

Trust and obey for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus but to trust and obey.

## Missionaries Are Optimistic About Change In Portugal

LISBON, Portugal (BP) — Southern Baptist missionaries are optimistic about the affect that governmental changes will have on Baptist work in Portugal.

Missionaries also expressed gratitude that the recent revolution produced few casualties. John M. Herndon, Southern Baptist missionary in Lisbon, states that the seven-member junta in control "promises an election soon" and "urges normal activities." All seems to be calm, according to Herndon.

Herndon also said that the Portuguese people seem happy about the revolution and news that the junta is promising individual freedom and freedom of the press.

## Star Pastor Called To East Moss Point

Rev. A. J. Pace has resigned the pastorate of Star Church to accept the pastorate of East Moss Point Church, effective May 6.

A reception was held on April 7 in Fellowship Hall of Star Church honoring Mr. Pace and his family for their six years of service. He was also honored on March 29 with a surprise covered dish supper. He and his family were presented with a love offering of approximately \$500 in appreciation of their services.



He went to Star on April 1, 1968. Under his leadership, membership of the church increased by approximately 100; 125 professions of faith were made; total receipts increased from \$22,000 to \$50,000 annually; and missions giving increased to an all-time high with Lottie Moon Christmas offering going over \$1,700. Record attendance was set in Sunday School and Church Training.

The sanctuary and the church offices were carpeted and new drapes installed in the offices and around the baptistry and choir loft. The church was insulated and equipped with central heating and cooling, and a new roof installed. Two new pianos were bought as well as a new Hammond Organ, choir robes, new audio-visual equipment, new nursery equipment, new equipment for children's department, and new banquet tables. A minister of music and youth office was set up and equipped, and 1968 Dodge bus was bought.

All of the above was accomplished on a pay-as-you-go basis with the exception of the bus.

## O'Tuckalofa Church Announces May 5 "Old-Fashioned Day"

O'Tuckalofa Church, Yalobusha County, is featuring Old-Fashioned Day during homecoming on May 5. Guest speaker will be Rev. Elvis Vance, a former pastor. Dinner will be served on the grounds.

The Billy Graham film, "For Pete's Sake," will be shown at 2:30 p.m. Rev. Harry Sartain, pastor, says "Everyone is invited to attend in turn-of-the-century attire and to bring horses, buggies, old cars, etc."

## Off The Record

Notice over a bottle rack at a soft drink machine: "Test your IQ. Put the little round bottle into the little square hole."

Unidentified motorist offering new excuse when stopped for speeding: "This highway is so dangerous I was hurrying to get off of it."

Old Things  
Goods move from junk to jewels. And age to radiant mystique. So how come we people Just get old, but never antique? —Beverly Dickerson

Professional Know-how  
If you want your son or daughter To study with ambition You have to pull some wires— Namely, TV and ignition! —Jean Conder Soule

Outside Chance  
I've some very strong convictions On the weather man's predictions. Of course may may be bona fide. But do you think he looks outside? —Jean Conder Soule



## Salem Gives Bibles To 32 Who Attended For 53 Sundays

Salem Church, Lauderdale County, recently gave Living Bibles to its members who had ended a one-year attendance. Thirty-two members (17 adults, 15 children) out of an average of 70 in Sunday School received Bibles for attending for 53 consecutive Sundays or being taught at home if sick. James Smith is Sunday School director; Rev. Jerry R. McMullen is the pastor.

A psychiatrist is one who helps you to get off your chest whatever it is you have on your mind.



## Temple, Jackson, Selects New Location

Temple, Jackson, 1411 Robinson Street, Jackson, held groundbreaking services on their new church property on McClure Road in southwest Jackson on March 24. They expect to be in the new building by June. In recent months Temple had a noteburning on the payoff of the property on Robinson Street. They have also purchased a new pastorial on Wagwood Street. Pictured are the Building Committee, associational superintendent of missions, and pastor. Left to right: B. J. Belk, Chairman of Building Committee; Tony Ables; Glen Cliburn; Joe Case; Basil Barnhill; Rev. Fred Tarpley, Hinds-Madison assoc. supt.; W. C. Cole; and Rev. Wayne Crenshaw, pastor. (Members of the Building Committee not pictured are: T. H. White and J. E. Scott.)



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